

THE PASTOR'S CALL.

The Inaugural Sermon Preached Yesterday Morning by the Rev. Dr. Allen, at the Old Pine Street Church.

Yesterday morning the congregation that assembled at Old Pine Street Presbyterian Church was very large, and the exercises extremely interesting and solemn.

It is with feelings of mingled hope and fear, of joy and sorrow, that I stand here to-day like one who, after bidding dear and familiar friends farewell, and launching out his bark upon the waters of some untried ocean, with anxious thoughts peers nervously into the unknown and mysterious future.

You have called me to the pastorate of this time-honored church. You have done so in the name of God, and with a unanimity that can never be remembered by my own grateful heart.

I have chosen the text for the purpose of bringing before your minds the importance of the call of a people to a pastor. Such a call means something; it is not a call for mere intellectual pleasure. That the race of man may become acquainted with God's truth, He has pleased in His infinite wisdom and mercy, to commission men in His name to teach Divine wisdom and truth.

THE TABERNACLE OF THE LORD.

The Dedication Sermon Preached Yesterday Morning by the Rev. S. A. Hatch, in the New Cobocostick Presbyterian Church.

Yesterday morning the new Cobocostick Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Franklin street and Columbia avenue, was dedicated to the worship and honor of God.

The services throughout were of a most interesting character, and from the evidence apparent, made a deep and so doubt lasting impression upon the large congregation which there had assembled.

After prayers had been sung and a prayer offered to "Give us of all good gifts," a thank offering in the practice of \$2100 was made by members of the congregation and some others.

How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts, which are the habitation of thy holiness, and the place where thou wilt dwell.

Wherever there have been men to worship, there have been altars; and altars, dedicated to the honor either of the true God or imaginary deities. This was what stirred the spirit of Paul as he wandered through the streets of Athens.

Races have been found with no idea of the worship of the true God, and the simplest utensils procured or cut from the means of life, but never without a place sacred to their God, with rites and services corresponding to their conceptions of him.

stretches out its longings for stronger supports and deeper fellowship. Humanity has ever in this way indicated its desire for a Saviour.

What a day that will be when the scaffolding shall have been taken down, all traces of the workmen removed, and the just stone have gone up with shoutings of grace into it, when the spirit of holiness shall be poured out upon the people.

THE MODEL CHARACTER. A Sermon Delivered Last Evening by the Rev. Dr. Bomberger, at the Rev. Albert Barnes' Meeting.

Among the many bright examples of moral character, which the Scriptures present, incomparable pre-eminence belongs to that of the Lord Jesus Christ.

That He has sufficient evidence in the Word of God, He stands forth to view as a youth. The incident in connection with which the inquiry is recorded is, indeed, the only authentic and trustworthy example of a young man, who is so perfect a model of a young man.

Why walk by the light of candles when we may walk by the sun of light, the Lord Jesus? His light is the light of life, and the light of life is the light of truth.

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Section 2. The bids for the said loan shall be received in the presence of the Governor, Auditor-General, and State Treasurer, and awarded to the highest bidder. Provided, That no certificate hereby authorized to be issued shall be negotiated for less than its par value.

Section 3. The bonds of the State and certificates of indebtedness, now overdue, shall be receivable in payment of the said loan, under such regulations as the Governor, Auditor-General, and State Treasurer may prescribe; and every bidder for the said loan shall be bound to issue, shall state in his bid whether the same is payable in cash or in the bonds, or certificates of indebtedness of the Commonwealth.

Section 4. That all trustees, executors, administrators, guardians, agents, treasurers, committees, or other persons, owning, holding, or claiming any bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the State or Commonwealth, are hereby authorized to tender the same to the Auditor-General, and to receive the bonds or certificates of loan in lieu thereof.

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